

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 18-31 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, enter new claims 38-40 and amend claims 34-37 as follows.

1-31.(Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) An isolated monoclonal antibody that selectively binds albumin from a felid or canid.

33. (Previously presented) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32, wherein said antibody has greater avidity for albumin than for other proteins or components in the sample.

34. (Currently amended) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32, wherein said antibody inhibits the binding of said albumin by ~~an albumin-binding compound selected from the group consisting of TNB1, TNB4, TNB5, TNB6, H352, H386, H387, H388, H389, H390, H391, H393, H394, H395, H396, H397, H398, H399, H400, H401, H402, H419, H420, H421, H422, H423, H424, monoclonal antibody H425, H426, H427, H428, H429, H430, H431, H432, H433, H434, H435, H436, H437 H438, H439, H440, H441, H442, H443, H446, H447, H448, H449, H451, H452, H453, H454, H455, H456, H457, H458, H459 and H460.~~

35. (Previously presented) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32, wherein said antibody binds the same epitope of albumin ~~recognized by an albumin-binding compound selected from the group consisting of TNB1, TNB4, TNB5, TNB6, H352, H386, H387, H388, H389, H390, H391, H393, H394, H395, H396, H397, H398, H399, H400, H401, H402, H419, H420, H421, H422, H423, H424, monoclonal antibody H425, H426, H427, H428, H429, H430, H431, H432, H433, H434, H435, H436, H437 H438, H439, H440, H441, H442, H443, H446, H447, H448, H449, H451, H452, H453, H454, H455, H456, H457, H458, H459 and H460.~~

36. (Previously presented) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32, wherein said antibody is ~~selected from the group consisting of H419, H420, H421, H422, H423, H424, monoclonal antibody H425, H426, H427, H428, H429, H430, H431, H432, H433, H434, H435, H436, H437, H438, H439, H440, H441, H442, H443, H446, H447, H448, H449, H451, H452, H453, H454, H455, H456, H457, H458, H459 and H460.~~

37. (Currently amended) A kit comprising:

- (a) ~~the~~ an isolated antibody of ~~claim 32~~ that selectively binds albumin from a felid or canid; and
- (b) a means for detecting the amount of albumin in a sample collected from a felid or canid, wherein said means detects albumin in a range from about 10 µg/ml to about 50 µg/ml.

38. (New) The kit of claim 37, wherein said antibody inhibits the binding of said albumin by monoclonal antibody H425.

39. (New) The kit of claim 37, wherein said antibody binds the same epitope as monoclonal antibody H425.

40. (New) The kit of claim 37, wherein said antibody is monoclonal antibody H425.